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In the application of:

Spencer B. FARR et al.

Serial No.: 09/911,904

Filing Date: July 23, 2001

For: CANINE TOXICITY GENES

Examiner: To Be Assigned

Group Art Unit: 1642

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits, Applicant respectfully requests entry of this
Preliminary Amendment for the above-identified patent application.

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AMENDMENTIn the Claims:

40. (Amended) A method for obtaining a gene expression profile comprising exposing a population of cells to an agent, obtaining cDNA from said population of cells, labeling said cDNA, and contacting said cDNA with the array according to claim 24.

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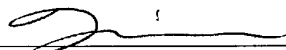
Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the claims by the current amendment. The attached page is captioned "**Version with markings to show changes made**".

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Respectfully submitted,

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40. (Amended) A method for obtaining a gene expression profile comprising exposing a population of cells to an agent, obtaining cDNA from said population of cells, labeling said cDNA, and contacting said cDNA with the array according to claim [20]24.